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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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1. (Currently Amended) A tape cartridge comprising:

a reel hub unit, for winding a tape-shaped recording medium on its periphery, rotatably

accommodated in said tape cartridge; and

a leader member for holding and fixing a leading edge of the tape-shaped recording medium,

wherein said leader member includes a pin member having a pair of collar portions between

which the tape-shaped recording medium is positioned, and a clamp member fitted in between said

collar portions from through an opening so formed in a longitudinal direction of a cylindrical body

as to extend to end surfaces on both sides of said cylindrical body, and clamping the tape-shaped

recording medium between said pin member and said clamp member itself, and

chamfered portions are provided at edge portions of the opening of said clamp member, said

chamfered portions each comprising a planar surface completely enclosed by three edges, a first of

said three edges being formed between the planar surface of the chamfered portion and an end

surface of said cylindrical body facing one of said collar portions, the second of said three edges

being formed between the planar surface of the chamfered portion and a side surface of said cylindrical body extending in the longitudinal direction of said opening, and the third of said three

edges being formed between the planar surface of the chamfered portion and an outer peripheral

surface of said cylindrical body.

2. (Canceled)

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3. (Previously presented) A tape cartridge according to claim 1, wherein said chamfered

portions are provided at each of two side surfaces extending in the longitudinal direction of said

opening and facing each other with said opening interposed therebetween.

4. (Original) A tape cartridge according to claim 1, wherein a length of said chamfered

portion in a direction of the side surface extending in the longitudinal direction, falls within a range

of 0.1 through 2 mm.

5. (Previously presented) A tape cartridge according to claim 1, wherein a chamfering

angle made between a chamfering line of said chamfered portion and by the side surface extending

in the longitudinal direction, falls within a range of 20 through 50 degrees.

6. - 8 (Canceled)

9. (Previously presented) A tape cartridge comprising:

a reel hub unit, for winding a tape-shaped recording medium on its periphery, rotatably

accommodated in said tape cartridge; and

a leader member for holding and fixing a leading edge of the tape-shaped recording medium,

wherein said leader member includes a pin member having a pair of collar portions between

which the tape-shaped recording medium is positioned, and a clamp member fitted in between said

collar portions from through an opening so formed in a longitudinal direction of a cylindrical body

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as to extend to end surfaces on both sides of said cylindrical body, and clamping the tape-shaped

recording medium between said pin member and said clamp member itself, and

at least one chamfered portion is provided at an end of said cylindrical body facing one of

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said collar portions, said at least one chamfered portion comprising a planar surface that comprises

an end surface of said cylindrical body in proximity to one of said collar portions, said planar

surface being positioned at an acute angle to a longitudinal axis of the cylindrical body and

extending over a full cross-sectional area of the cylindrical body.

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